

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.772 Voting machines; construction and operation.

Sec. 772. A voting machine to be purchased as provided in section 771 of this act must be so constructed as to provide facilities for voting for the candidates of at least 7 different parties or organizations, and must permit all voters to vote for any person for any office, whether or not nominated as a candidate by any party or organization, and must permit voting in secrecy. It shall also be so constructed that votes may be cast thereon for constitutional amendments or any other public measure; it must also be so constructed as to provide for at least 30 candidates for each party organization at any and all elections, and said machine must be constructed of good and durable material in a workmanlike manner, and also so constructed that it can be easily and conveniently operated by inspectors of election and the voters; it must also be so constructed as to prevent voting for more than 1 person for the same office, except where the voter is entitled to vote for more than 1 person for that office, and it must afford him an opportunity to vote for any and all persons for that office as he is by law entitled to vote for and no more, at the same time preventing his voting for the same person twice: Provided, That at any time when the polls are open, any voter finding in his use of the machine that same does not operate in exact accordance with the provisions of this section shall be entitled to notify the chairman or any member of the board thereof, whereupon the member so notified and the other members of the board present shall inspect said machine and determine whether or not the alleged irregularity of operation is a fact. If it is determined that the machine is not operating in accordance with this section, no further voting thereon shall be permitted until the machine is adjusted and the number of votes recorded thereon shall not be changed during the process of adjustment. If the machine cannot be properly adjusted, it shall be locked and no further voting permitted thereon. Any person charged with the duty of setting, adjusting or operating voting machines shall perform that duty in such a manner that the machines will enable voters to use same in accordance with the provisions of this section. Any person wilfully failing to carry out the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$500.00, or imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

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Popular name: Election Code